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September Meeting **Glenmaura National Golf Club** Host: Jeff Koch, GCS

With only two meetings left on the PTGA calendar this year, we will round out the year in style by visiting another beautiful and highly ranked golf course in Glenmaura National. Opened in 1995 and boasting a solid membership of 350, Glenmaura plays nearly 7,000 yards from the tips. Designed by Hurzdan-Fry, Glenmaura is currently ranked 17th in the state by Golf Digest. Its bentgrass greens, tees, and fairways are framed by the classic tree lines of many Pocono golf courses, while the architect also designed a large amount of naturalized fescue areas throughout the course. Additionally, Hurzdan-Fry incorporated several natural features into the course, such as large rock outcroppings and the waterfalls on #18. In a delicate balancing act between providing a tour level challenge with a member friendly day to day playability, Glenmaura's 94 bunkers are complimented by 6 sets of tees. This balance appears to have been successful, as Glenmaura has hosted the Nationwide tour from 2000-2008, the NCAA Eastern Regional, and a U.S. Open Qualifier, among other events.

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President's Message.....

John Downer

Editor's Notes.....

As the year starts to wind down and the aerators punch their holes, I want to thank all who have contributed to the newsletter in their various ways.

We have had some great meetings so far, and will close the year out with style at Glenmaura and Huntsville.

Keep those pictures coming, and I hope to see you all there!!!

Brian Bachman



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August Meeting Wrap-Up

Elmhurst was up to the task again for hosting the PTGA. Thanks to Ray and his staff for giving us such a great venue. And for those of you who missed our speaker, Dr. Buckley from Rutgers, you missed a good and entertaining presentation.

Superintendents:

1st Place (77) Ron Garrison

2nd Place (83) John Downer

Affiliates:

1st Place (74) Tom Weinert

2nd Place (75) T.J. Hart

Guests:

1st Place (86) Marty Garrity

Closest to the Pin

#5 Tom Collum 15'4"

Long Drive #6

T.J. Hart

Skins

Dave Schell on #4

Brian Bachman on #8

Ron Garrison on #13

Tom Weinert on #14

Jeff Smolha on #17



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Talk to any Board Member for additional details.



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Our host superintendent, Jeff Koch, has been at Glenmaura as the superintendent since 2004. Jeff, a 1997 Penn State grad under the late George Hamilton, took a job at Talbot C.C. as his first job out of college. It didn't take long before Jeff returned to PA to serve in his first stint at Glenmaura as the assistant superintendent from 1998-2002. He then moved on to Wyoming Valley C.C. to take his first superintendent position, which he held from 2002-2004. Then, just as quickly, the superintendent position at Glenmaura opened up again in 2004, and Jeff has been there ever since.

Jeff, and his assistant Emanuel Santos, oversee a seasonal staff of 24. Projects of recent note include upgrading the irrigation system 3 years ago and the constant maintenance of their concrete cart paths. In the future, Jeff and his crew are looking to do an entire bunker renovation by 2017.

We hope you'll join us for a memorable day at another of the Pocono's finest venues!!



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Assistant Superintendent Symposium

Turf Republic is putting together a symposium for Assistant Superintendents. Bill Brown with Turf Republic states, "One of the key missions of Turf Republic is the enhancement of the future of the turf industry and that needs be started with our future leaders. With that being said, we are putting together resources for those individuals. We are really excited about this free event we have put together with the help of Syngenta for Assistant Golf Course Superintendents to attend. It will be held on October 23, 2013, at Rivercrest Country Club in Phoenixville, PA. We are hoping some of the more northern members would want to attend. We have some great speakers lined up: Bruce Williams, CGCS, Matt Shaffer from Merion GC and Darin Bevard from the Mid-Atlantic USGA".

The link to the event is - <https://agcs-symposium.eventbrite.com> They have 40 spots open. Individuals can sign up right from the link provided, and it is first come-first serve. It is for Assistant Golf Course Superintendents only.

Photo of the Month

We all see interesting things every day....wildlife (like bald eagles and bears), strange turf problems (like a lightning strike), an employee who stayed out too late the night before, etc. So if you have a great photo, send it to me (bbachman@genesisturfgrassinc.com) and share it for everyone to enjoy (or laugh at).



September Photo of the Month

Look closely at the oars for this boat....that's right, they're snow shovels!!! I love how innovative we can be in this business. The shovels have the proper mounting brackets and everything.

Thanks to Andy Dumas, former PTGA member and current superintendent at Cherry Valley C.C. in NJ for sharing this picture.

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Glen Oak C.C. embarks on their bunker renovation





POCONO ROUNDUP

Congratulations to our Scholarship Recipients:

Josh Dixon—Turf Scholarship

Joseph H. Kohut—Turf Scholarship

Melissa Barndt—Non-Turf Scholarship

Best of Luck to you in your future endeavors!

Congratulations to **Ryan Berger** who has taken the superintendent position at Riverview CC.

Watch for **Water Gap C.C.** to be featured on September 9 at 10 pm on the Travel Channel show "Hotel Impossible"...if you miss it make sure to check it out online.

Condolences

Our deepest condolences to John Chassard and his family on the unexpected passing of his wife, Susan. Our thoughts and prayers are with him.

PTGA SCHEDULE

Sept 17	PTGA Meeting @ Glenmaura National Speaker: Elliot Dowling, USGA
Sept 30	MET Meeting Mountain Ridge CC, NJ
Oct. 5	Beat MPS Scramble at Sugarloaf
Oct 21	PTGA Meeting @ Huntsville Golf Club Speaker: Darin Bevard, USGA
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